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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2003. On pages 2 - 4 of the Office Action the Examiner requested restriction to the claims in one of five different groups identified by the Examiner. Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-13. Claim 1 is directed to a medication pump comprising a cartridge chamber for receiving a medication cartridge, a pump cap, and a safety cap cover. In the drawings, pump (10) shown in Figs. 1 and 2 includes a cartridge chamber (80), and a pump cap (16). An embodiment of a safety cap cover (800) which attaches to and fits over the pump cap is shown in Fig. 38.

On pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner requested election of one species for each of three groups identified by the Examiner. Applicant hereby elects Species A (Fig. 4) of Group 1. Applicant believes the species election requirement for Group 1 is not appropriate. Figs. 4, 9, and 21 as identified by the Examiner as being patentably distinct species are different views of the same pump 10. All of claims 1-13 are readable on Species A (Fig. 4) of Group 1.

With respect to Group 2, Applicant hereby elects Species L (Fig. 1). Applicant respectfully submits the identification of different species in Group 2 between Figs. 1 and 10 is

not appropriate. Fig.10 illustrates the cartridge barrel 202 and the plunger 204 which are used with the pump 10 of Fig. 1. Removable rod 206 is shown in Fig. 10, for use in moving plunger 204 for filling cartridge barrel 202. All of claims 1-13 are readable on Species L (Fig.1) of Group 2.

With respect to Group 3, Applicant hereby elects Species Z (Fig. 38). Applicant respectfully submits the identification of different species in Group 3 between Figs. 17 and 38 is not appropriate. The child safety cap cover of Fig. 38 is described as being used over cap 16 of Figs. 1 and 17 (see page 31, line 1). All of claims 1-13 are readable on Species Z (Fig. 38) of Group 3.

Applicant's representative discussed the above-identified species election with the Examiner on July 8, 2003. Applicant's representative requested clarification on the appropriate response for election of species within each group. At the conclusion of the interview, Applicant's representative indicated a written response would be prepared and filed.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any further issue, examiner is urged to contact applicants' representative at the below noted telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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